

## Rush-Henrietta Central School District

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Dear Staff, Parent and Guardians:

New York State Education Law requires that we notify building staff, parents and guardians regarding the use of herbicides or pesticides and allow you to request a 48-hour advance notice in the event we apply an herbicide or pesticide. Attached is the form that should be used to request this information. If an advance notice is desired, please return this form to:

Director of Facilities 1133 Lehigh Station Road Henrietta, NY 14467

Alternatively, the form can be faxed to (585) 359-5384 or e-mailed to knelson@rhnet.org.

Although we strive to minimize the use of herbicides or pesticides on school grounds, we have determined the amount of weed proliferation on some fields is potentially making them unsafe for our students. As weeds overrun the turf, the natural cushioning and traction that turf provides is lost. Furthermore, dandelions and clover are an attraction for bees, which pose an increased risk for our students with bee-sting allergies. Therefore, there will be an application on a limited number of fields during the month of May or on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please call the Buildings and Grounds department at 359-5386. You are also welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns at 359-5037 or via e-mail at awhitmore@rhnet.org.

Very truly yours,

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